

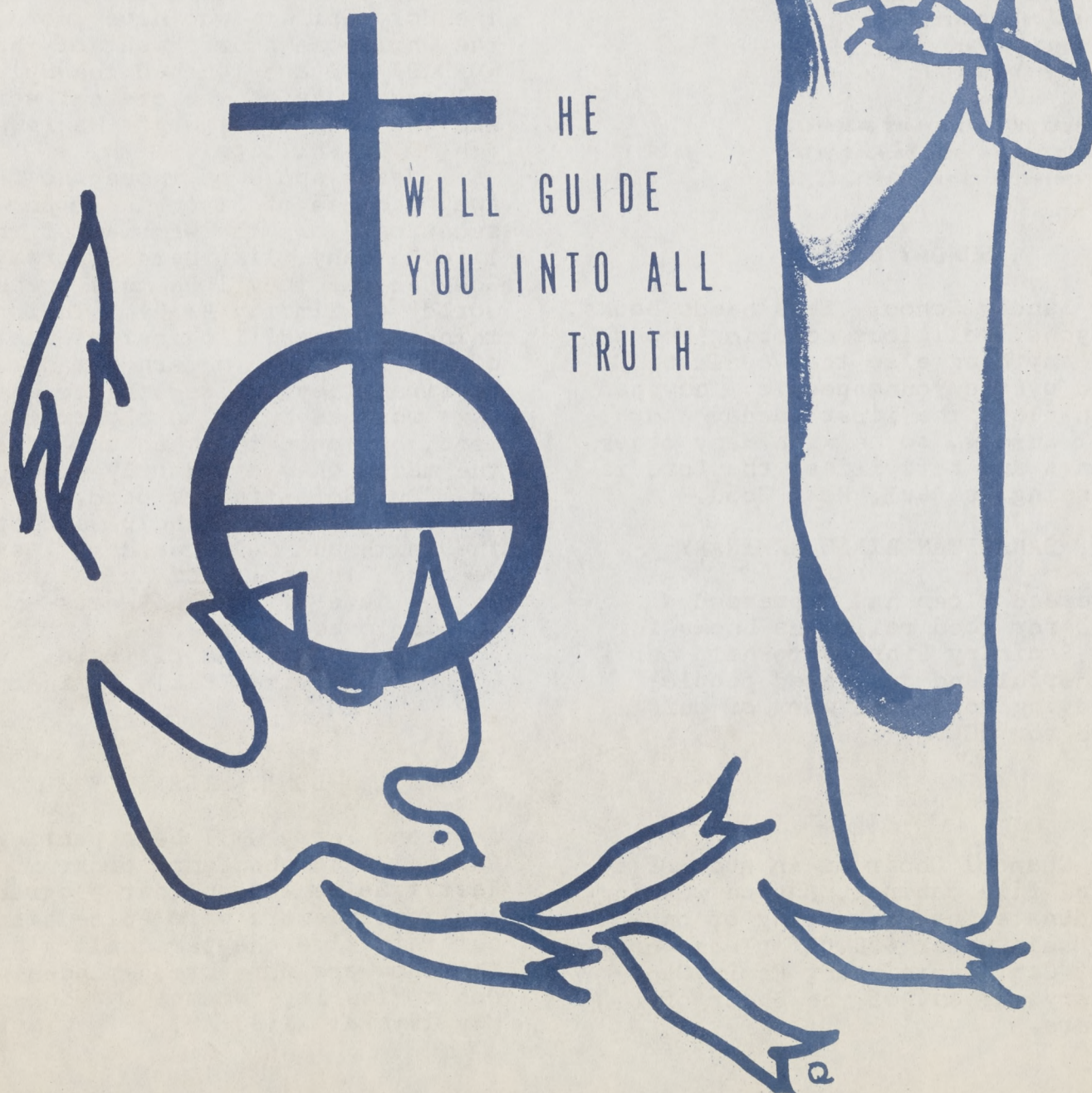
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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School Class needs books, crayons, religious coloring books and anything else that could be used by the young people. They had 2 in class the first Sunday and 5 last Sunday, so as with many other things and activities, the Lord is Blessing Us Real, Real Good.

SAMARITAN BIBLE SEMINARY

Reverend Ploen has expressed a need for good religious books for our Seminary Library to help our wonderful and dedicated people studying to do the work of our Lord for MCC.

Our Chancel Choir is in need of a metal file cabinet. Anyone wishing to donate one or knowing of one for sale under \$20.00, please contact Cart Neumeister, Choir Secretary, or any of the choir officers.

DON'T BE A DROP-OUT

Read HEBREWS 10: 22-29

Bible Thought: "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God" (Hebrews 3:12)

IN DEEP despair, a woman decided to drop out of life. She selected a road overlooking the ocean, and planned to drive her car over the cliff to end it all. But she stopped just in time when she thought how final her action would be.

Consider the consequences of dropping out of God's way of life. Don't be one of those "who have experienced salvation and received the Holy Spirit, who have known the wholesome nourishment of the WORD OF GOD and touched the Spiritual resources of the eternal world, and who then fell away" (Hebrews 6:4, J.B. Phillips).

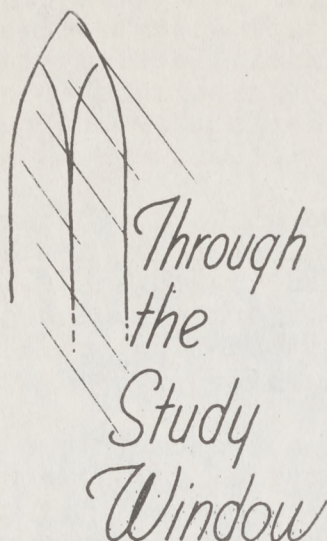
Jesus spoke of those who fell away because of "trouble or persecution," or "the worries of this life." Many, like Demas, forsake God because they "love this present world" (2 Timothy 4:10). Their thinking is as illogical as that of the rats in a modern parable. At first they praised the scientists who had built an elaborate maze, but once they had threaded the maze, they arrogantly concluded, "Our Scientist is dead."

Gracious Lord, help us keep the faith and never wander, lest we reach the point of no return. In the name of him who keeps us in his love. Amen.

Frank Distasio
Samaritan Bible Seminary

DON'T MISS THIS

Reverend Perry will be appearing on Channel 9 on the Tempo program. The last time he was on that program, the interviewers were quite biased but this time the personality's on the show are more broad-minded. Don't Miss It. Remember, Wednesday, May 19th at 11:30 AM.



THOUGHTS ON SERVICES FROM THE CHURCH

The duties of our ministers are many and varied. To fulfill these duties our Pastor and Assistant Pastor often "borrow" time from one area of service in order to meet the pressing needs of another area.

Most of us at one time or another have adopted the old saying "Rob Peter to pay Paul", to some circumstance of our life - bill paying, putting off a task that should be done now so that something a little more important can be done, even putting off a hang-over by having the hair of the dog. We have also learned that the time of reckoning is inevitable. Just so with our ministers. They can "borrow" just so much time from, say, sermon preparation to counsel one more person and then the reckoning. To perform all the duties properly, only so much time can be allotted to each duty. With a congregation the size of ours, it is obvious that all of the members who wish to talk over a problem simply can not be scheduled into the time set aside for counselling.

One way of easing the load of our ministers is utilizing the C.I.C. services. However, they have a limited staff also and tasks other than counselling.

There is another group which could be of great value in answering the demands made on time allocated to counselling. For the most part this group has not been utilized to any extent. I refer to the group which logically should be helping to carry the ministerial load-the Seminarians.

In one more academic year these men will be leaving the Mother Church to work in Churches and Missions across the country. Doesn't it make sense to avail ourselves of help from them while they are still with us?

Traditionally, congregations have always looked only to the Pastor in time of trouble. But for the most part they haven't had a Seminary group available such as we have.

Now we should start looking to the Seminary as well as our Pastors in times of trouble and need. They are anxious to help but how can they unless you let them know where and how to help.

If you don't know who to get in touch with, just contact the Dean of the Seminary - Rev. Richard Ploen. He can help you with names and phone numbers.

-Lark Johnston
Samaritan Bible Seminary

Jesus called unto him His disciples; and of them He chose twelve, whom also He named apostles:

Simon whom he also named Peter
Andrew his brother
James the son of Zebedee
John his brother
Philip
Bartholomew

Matthew the Publican
Thomas the Doubter
James the son of Alphaeus
Thaddaeus
Simon the Zealot
Judas Iscariot who also was the traitor



OUR GANG - STEPPING OUT

Friday, May 7, two members of the Mother Church, Exhorter Andy Lloyd and his spouse, Cy Martinez, hosted a Champagne Party honoring Jim Kepner, A newswriter for the Advocate. Jim addressed the group, choosing as his topic: "The Gay Movement - Where It's Going!" Reaching back to the 1890's, Jim Kepner traced the early emergence of definable European homosexual cultures and their objectives. German homophiles, for example, were reportedly publishing a Gay Newspaper with a circulation of 100,000 from 1893 until the time just prior to World War One. Their objective in those days was finding... "...What makes us the way we are?" They glorified science, skiing, hiking, health foods, strenuous exercise, nudity and idealistic companionships.

In England, homosexual culture developed along more sentimental lines. The gay men and women who formed a visible, identifiable group were principally from the Upper Classes. They banded together in groups that rarely were exclusively gay. They were referred to as "The Bright young people" and formed literary groups such as the "blossbury Set" which nurtured many major British writers of the Twenties and Thirties.

In America, homosexual culture developed so slowly that it is only recently coming into full flower. In 1948, Henry Hay tried the first full-scaled attempt to organize homosexuals and use the Bloc-Vote potential by forming his "Bachelors' for Wallace" campaign. The campaign never became a reality - things were touchier in 1948, persons less willing to expose themselves. As recently as 1963-64

cure was the objective of the few small American groups. A contributor to One Magazine at this time wrote an article entitled "I'm glad I'm homosexual;" it so shocked his contemporaries that some readers cancelled their subscriptions.

Where are we going now? What are the objectives of American Homosexuals looking ahead toward the future? The answers may startle some who are still living in comparative isolation in smaller communities.

The Gay Lib approach to society is this request: "If you have children that may be homosexual, let us talk to them." This is a humane objective which would take the form of counseling and advice so our young people could have sympathetic direction.

Another development foreseen is the emergence of the Homosexual Bloc-Vote. Kepner feels we should possibly start courting groups such as the Young Republicans and the Young Democrats. As both groups rise to seek public office for their own behalf, one or the other, will eventually come forward and openly solicit the Gay Vote. Once the Bloc-Vote potential becomes a reality that has carried a candidate into office, our next objective will, logically, be to seek cabinet-level representation.

The future of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches was speculated upon: Jim Kepner believes the Metropolitan Denomination will grow into the most important denomination of the American Protestant Church. Moreover, its continued existence will foster the creation of more gay groups than we have ever known.

The address concluded, Andy and Cy served Champagne and Hot Hors d'Oeuvers. Had a chance to finally introduce myself to Jim Kepner. We weren't able to speak long - too many were present for a conversation of any significance, but I decided I like Jim and hope Donn and I can get another chance to see him.

-Al Correa



"GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES..."

"ACADEMY STARTS NEW CLASSES"

May 30th the next session of classes will begin for The Academy...

Rev. Richard Ploen, Minister of Christian Education, announced that the classes will be entitled: "What The Bible says About Homosexuality" and "Old Testament Introduction." Rev. Ken Jones will teach the class on "What The Bible Says", and Rev. Ploen will teach the class on "Old Testament Introduction."

Classes will be held for 10 weeks on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. One Unit of credit will be granted upon the successful completion of the course.

Rev. Ploen said plans were underway to add classes on Church Drama, Psychology and one of the New Testament letters, perhaps I & II Corinthians.

Anyone interested in registering for the next session should contact Rev. Ploen, or the Church School secretary. Registration fee is \$1.00.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

"Lord, give us peace on earth, I pray!"
And so I pleaded day by day;
Then looking on a field of wheat
A farmer sowed that men may eat,
In shame I humbly bowed my head:
"Forgive me, Lord, forgive," I said,
"Oh help me serve—hand, heart, and mind,
That peace may reign for all mankind."

—Myrtle Cook Jackson,
in *The American Bard*

The Long Beach Parish held its meeting at the home of Chuck and Eddie this week. A discussion on Dating and Marriage was the theme of the evening which turned out quite well.

On Wednesday, May 19, Bible Study will be held at the home of Steve Scalf. (N.W. corner of Ocean and Esperanga, #4, Long Beach, 1275 E Ocean).

Our membership is increasing but we would like to see many more new faces. For further information call Steve at 432-4295 or Jean and Marsha at 437-2191.



YOUR SOCIAL DIRECTOR

Next Saturday night will mark our third annual "May Festival". If you miss it you will miss the greatest dance and show in Los Angeles for 1971.

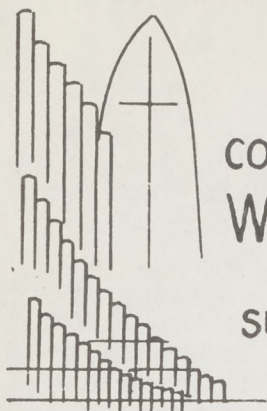
The "May Festival", will be a star studded evening for us. Judy Canova will be one of the judges for our King and Queen contest. There will be stars or well known personalities there, but you are going to have to be there to meet them.

We have come a long way from our first "May Festival", and we are going to improve each year.

The proceeds from our "May Festival", are going to help a great deal in paying off part of the debt on our beautiful Church, so make a special effort to attend.

Because of contractual obligations, Charles Pierce must appear on stage by 9:15 p.m. so make plans to get there in time.

Bill Bennett
Social Director



COME, LET US
WORSHIP —

SUNDAY, 11:00 A.M.

"COME TO CHURCH"

WOMENS' DAY AT THE MOTHER CHURCH

Wow!! What a great service we had on Sunday, May 9th! If you weren't with us you really missed a great experience! My lover was with me and we got there early so we could visit with some of our best-loved friends. Had a long interesting talk with Farrell who wrote that great article in the May 1971 issue of "In Unity" called "The Female of the Species." Shawn's a vital and alert personality with lively views and the ability to express them powerfully.

Spoke to Ray Hicks of the Youth Group and Gospel Choir; Ray is young in years, but has great depth to his personality. I hope we can persuade him to do some more writing for the church. Tim Lemming was also there with two sweet-looking young girls.

Willie Smith opened services with the "Singspiration." Cora Lee Webb was our reader and in a beautifully clear speaking voice read a passage that ended with the words "...May the Love of God permeate our soul throughout this precious day."

Mrs. Barry Dank and another girl, whom I didn't recognize, lit the Altar Candles.

The Chancel Choir sang their first selection from the rear balcony, their quiet voices soothing our bruised eardrums. Marie Woody then led us in the opening hymn, while the procession of choir members, Deacons and Ministers filed in toward the Altar.

Deputy Deacon Shawn Farrell lead us in the opening prayer. Deacon Karen Gregg welcomed us, saying, "...MCC offers home to those with problems or those who just want to be with the Lord." Deacon Vi Anderson led us in the responsive reading of the Gospel, followed by Deacon Karen Gregg again, who led us in the silent and Pastoral Prayer. After some announcements and comments our Pastor introduced the Reverend Alice Naumoss, Assistant Pastor of MCC in San Francisco. This astonishing creature has got to get a pulpit of her own within the Metropolitan Demomination! She's just incredible! Describing herself as "A Jewish Christian, like Peter and Paul." Reverend Alice immediately caught everyone's attention like a superstar and kept them charmed to the end. Telling us about Shadrack, Meshach and Abed-Nego at the court of King Nebuchadnezzar. ("Who" she confided, "was on an ego trip") she told us how King Nebuchadnezzar built a golden statue of himself, ninety feet high and nine feet broad; he commanded everyone to prostrate themselves before it whenever they heard the sound of music, or else face being thrown into a blazing furnace. Shadrack, Meshach, and Abed-Nego refused, saying, "If there is a God who can save us from the blazing furnace, it's our God...and he will save us from your power. But if not, be it known...that we will neither serve...nor worship the Golden Image." Nebuchadnezzar flew into a rage and had the furnace heated up to seven times its usual heat.

With the fate of Shadrack, Meshach and Abed-Nego hanging (and the congregation eagerly awaiting the outcome) Reverend Alice suddenly shut her Bible. "If you want to know how it turns out, read the rest of the book!" (I got home, found my NEW ENGLISH BIBLE, and did just that!) She then went on to tell us how our faith tends to be based on deliverance, usually deliverance on our terms. In other words, we believe God if God manages to always live up to our expectations. In a truly artful manner she wove an anecdote of herself and her cat which carried her

point so strongly to me that I can honestly say that this morning Reverend Alice gave me the logical reasoning I needed to instill true faith in my heart. Sometimes it takes a viewpoint like hers to reach those of us who had written off the church until MCC brought us back in the door— But when can we hear her again? She's the Assistant Pastor so a trip to San Francisco won't guarantee that we'll hear much beyond the welcome or possibly the Pastoral Prayer... Reverend Alice is too good for that! I hope and pray that when the time is right and the Lord is ready, that our Elders will find a lucky church home for this remarkable woman! Her closing prayer said "Father, we're thankful that you haven't left us to grope around in the dark. Help us not to play games with you and to yield more and more of our lives to you."

The Crescendos sang a song written by David Roddell. Marilyn L. Hallett, (Deacon Karen Gregg's lover) was licensed as an Exhorter. Marilyn is the Treasurer of the Long Beach Parish.

Thomas Jones, who has served the church as a Crisis Intervention Worker, was also licensed as an Exhorter. Holy Communion followed, performed by Deacon Karen Gregg (Assisted by Marie Woody) and Reverend Alice Naumoss (Assisted by Cora Lee Webb) and Corresponding Deacon Vi Anderson (Assisted by Shawn Farrell).

-Al Correa

HOLLYWOOD PARISH MEETING COMING!

Tuesday, May 18, the Hollywood Parish meeting will be at the home of:

Tony Du Bois
13127 Archwood St.
North Hollywood
Phone: 980-5355

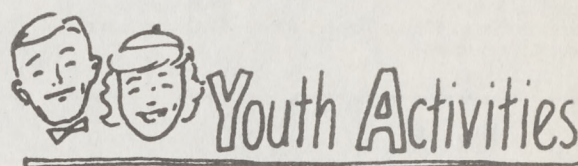
Rev. Ron Hayes will be their guest. Prior to joining MCC Rev. Hayes did missionary work for seven years in Peru. This evening he will show us color slides of Peru and the Amazon River accompanied by his own narrative. Looks like an exciting evening! Meeting is at 7:30 p.m. - Grab a quick dinner first, as no food will be served tonight.

Al Correa



RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, June 12th the Publications Department is sponsoring a rummage sale in the Church parking lot to raise money for purchase of equipment (paper cutter \$350 and plate making camera \$1,000). So start cleaning out those closets and garage's. More information next week.....



"THE MCC YOUTH GROUP MARCHES ON"

Friday May 7th your Youth Group had another fantastic meeting. We have some out of sight plans for upcoming activities. But first, I would like to point out some of our simple requirements, we welcome anyone who is between 13 and 20 and who loves the Lord and Mankind. Our meetings are every first and third Friday at 7:30 p.m. and every second and fourth Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in our "elegant" parlor. If you want to know about our plans for future activities talk to Al Ojeda or Ray Hicks

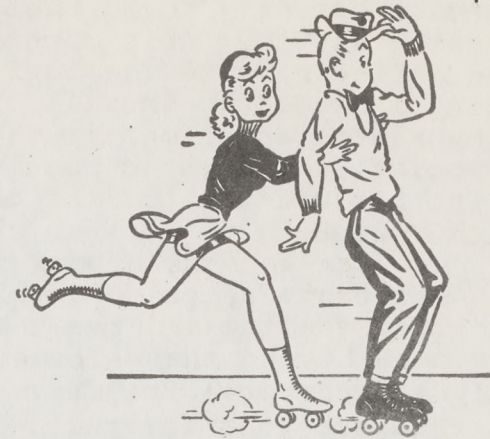
Watch for our next "Slave-Auction-Dance coming up soon.

Ray Hicks
M.C.C.Y.G. Secretary

Number 1

HORIZONTAL

No. 1



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|---|---|
| 1 Great Hebrew prophet and law-giver | 32 Poetic name for Arabia |
| 5 Song of praise | 33 Son of Adam; a keeper of sheep |
| 9 "Panteth after the water-brooks" | 34 Of obscure vision. (Job 17 : 7) |
| 10 Likewise | 36 Bamboo-like grass. (Matt. 12 : 20) |
| 12 Discuss | 38 Loiter |
| 14 Base of all numbers | 40 Trouble. (Gen. 21 : 17) |
| 15 King of Judea when Christ was born | 41 Pronoun |
| 17 Thick, viscous fluid | 43 Exclamation of praise |
| 18 Selenium | 46 Blessed Virgin |
| 19 Woman of Athens, who clave to Paul, and believed. (Acts 17 : 34) | 47 Mother of mankind |
| 21 Not any | 49 National idol-god of the Philistines. (I Sam. 5 : 3) |
| 22 Limb | 50 Priest who blessed Hannah |
| 23 Peck | 51 Trust. (II Chron. 13 : 18) |
| 25 Exterior covering of a seed | 53 Large body of water |
| 27 Above | 54 Old. (Titus 2 : 2) |
| 29 Hill in Athens, where Paul preached the Living God. (Acts 17 : 22) | 55 A well near Hebron. (II Sam. 3 : 26) |
| 31 Saul's grandfather. (I Sam. 9 : 1) | 56 Well where Gideon pitched his tents. (Judges 7 : 1) |

VERTICAL

No. 1

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| 1 Coarse hair on an animal's back | 26 Master |
| 2 Native metal | 27 Dating from a time remote |
| 3 Thoroughfare. (Rev. 21 : 21) | 28 Animal used in sacrifices |
| 4 Stalk | 30 Grain |
| 5 Destitute. (Prov. 14 : 21) | 33 Son of Jacob |
| 6 Exist | 35 Statue |
| 7 Nephew of Abram | 37 King—Son of Jesse |
| 8 Lament | 39 He is a Spirit |
| 9 Prophet in Hezekiah's time | 40 Stipend due a deceased minister's family |
| 11 Deliver an oration | 42 Evenings |
| 13 Seaport in Asia Minor, visited by Paul. (Acts 16 : 8) | 44 Girdle |
| 15 Ugly old woman | 45 Son of Lamech—who survived the Flood |
| 16 Achieved | 46 Lost blood |
| 19 She whom Samson loved, in Sorek. First woman barber | 48 My God. (Matt. 27 : 46) |
| 20 Province between Judea and Galilee | 50 The entire man |
| 22 Defamation | 52 Period of time |
| 24 City and tower in Shinar, where tongues were confused | 54 Queen Anne |

Everyone who has attended MCC for very long knows of the Chancel Choir's famous skating parties. Here is another place you will find a helping hand (If you should fall).

The big night is June 7th at Hollywood Roller Rink.

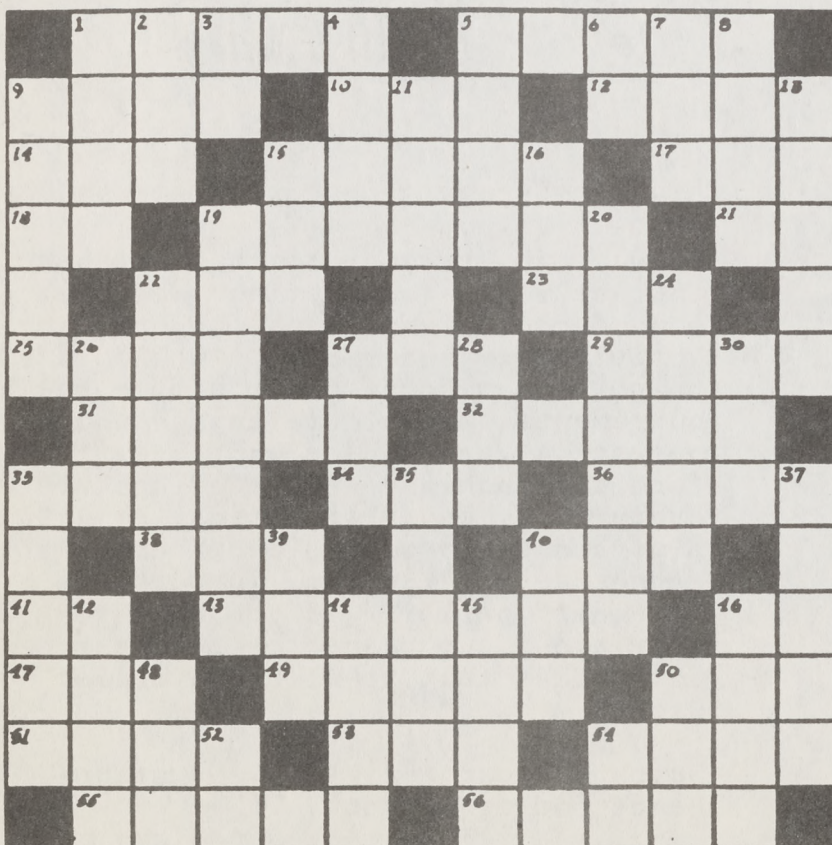
Sorry people, we do have to have advance sales in keeping with contract agreements. No Tickets are sold at the rink. So the last day to purchase tickets is June 6th which is the Sunday before the party. There are tickets at the Church office and people will have a booth before church and after.

The choir is really proud to have Lori Bailey (a great trumpeter) in the choir and singing with the 2nd Tenors. O.K. GIRLS, it's up to you at least some of you are coming forward and singing for the praise of God. Your Chancel Choir needs you why not join in the fun.

M. Dale Holland
President
Chancel Choir

DID YOU KNOW?

There is a quiet 15-20 minute Communion Service every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. If you are an early riser and wish to participate in this special early service, set the alarm little earlier and join us. It's over early enough so you can enjoy it, have breakfast, then meet your friends at the regular Sunday morning service!



THIS IS A LIST OF THE OFFICERS OF M.C.C.L.A. AND THE DEPARTMENTS THAT THEY HEAD. THIS LIST IS FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE SO THAT YOU WILL KNOW WHO TO SEND YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS AND OR SUGGESTIONS TO. IT ALSO WOULD BE VERY NICE TO LET THEM KNOW IF YOU THINK THEY ARE DOING A GOOD JOB.

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MCC-LA LOSING MISSIONS

This month MCC-LA will be losing 2 missions, one in Dallas, Texas and one in Hawaii, but it's not as bad as it sounds. The Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches will be gaining 2 churches. That's right! Dallas and Hawaii will be chartered this month. That will leave the Mother Church with only one mission, Denver, Colorado.

Let's all pray for the growth and success of the Denver Mission and they, too, will soon be a church in this wonderful Fellowship of Unity and Love.

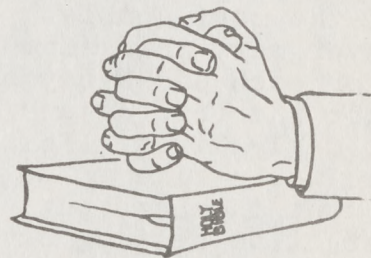
-Editor

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY PLAYERS

Anyone interested in our theater group, whether it be sound, lighting, stagehand, set design, acting, costuming or what have you; please contact Lyle Page at 886-7896.

If you remember the play "The Women" at the Embassy Auditorium in 1968, or the play "Fashion" at Troupers' Hall last year, you know the wonderful job that the people in our community can do when they have the chance. Lyle Page is the man that directed both of these productions. He is looking forward to this new undertaking with high hopes and expectations. Call and get involved!

-Editor



DEACON'S CLOSET NEEDS

Don't forget our brothers and sisters in need. In this time of unemployment, etc., an extra strain is put on our pantry, so if everyone will bring just one item, the closet will no longer be bare.

Let's not be Sunday morning Christians. Let's be Seven-days a week Christians, bring a can or what have you and the Lord will bless you.

From the Vision of Sir Launfel
-James Russell Lowe

"It is not what we give, but what we share; for the gift without the giver is bare; but he who gives, with his Alms feed three; himself, his hungering neighbor and Thee."

James Young:

Thanks for calling our attention to our oversight.

-Editor

At the prayer meeting last Wed. May 5. Rev. Ron Hayes blessed us with a truly inspiring service for the Lord. This was the first of the regular Wed. night Prayer Meetings that are being held at the Church each Wed. evening at 7:30 P.M. Everyone there was truly blessed by the Lord as he moved into each of our lives in a very special way. It was truly heart warming to see so many people with us all at the altar of the Lord together.

For those of you who haven't heard Ron Hayes, you are really missing something fantastic. It is an experience that you won't forget easily. He is a person who stands as a living beacon of the everlasting all encompassing love of God. He is magnetic and down to earth in nature while at the same time being one of the most humble, persons I have ever met. His sermon was a call for each and everyone of us to work for the Lord as a Missionary in our daily lives. Not just doing what we would like to do, but anything that the Lord puts before us. Whether it be helping someone in need, or answering the call for volunteers for any project. Don't turn away but stand up and say here am I, take me Lord. The service was closed with devotional prayer led by Deacon Leo Hunt, with all of us kneeling before the Lord.

If you haven't been to the Wed. night service, you have been really missing something special. Be with us every week and let "THE LORD BLESS YOU REAL, REAL GOOD".

Deacon Bill Thorn

OUR LIFE

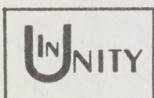
THIS LIFE, OF WHICH WE'RE BOUND TO LIVE,
HAS NOT MUCH FOR US TO GIVE.
SO WE DO OUR LEVEL BEST,
IN ORDER TO GAIN EQUAL REST.
WITH THE WORLD OF TODAY.

WHEN THINGS ARISE, TO HURT US DEEP,
WE TRY INWARDLY THE PAIN TO KEEP.
AND AS NOT TO HURT THE ONES WE LOVE,
OUR PLEA WE SEND TO GOD ABOVE.
TO SHOW US THE ONLY WAY.

THE WAY OF LIFE THAT WE LEAD,
IS ONE IN WHICH WE ARE IN NEED.
THE LOVE OF A TRUE FRIEND,
A LOVE OF WHICH THERE IS NO END.
TO KEEP US, COME WHAT MAY.

THIS THE ONLY PROPER WAY,
TO ACCEPT THE LIFE CALLED G A Y.
AND SO, TO END THIS LITTLE TALE,
WITHOUT A WIMPER OR A WAIL.
BUT IS IT THEN LIFE'S END, WHO IS TO SAY.

An eventful life, to be enjoyed, is made up of a series of contrasts. - Melchert



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NORTHEAST PARISH

The Northeast Parish met on Tuesday, May 11th, at the beautiful new home of member Alan Perrine, who is not only an active Parish member, but one of the CRESCENDOS. The wonderful trio that regularly sings for us at Church. Coordinator Jim Mason called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m. Deacon Tom Purcell announced that the Drawing Room will be dedicated on July 11 and must be furnished by then. Rev. Dick Hetz said he was working on two chairs. Deputy Deacon Larry ReQur said he had the frame of a wing chair, but needed help in restoring it. Member Chad Carlson was chosen to coordinate these efforts.

Jim then introduced Charles Lucas, our speaker for the evening. I had never met Charles Lucas -- and didn't get a chance this evening to be introduced. -- Dapper, distinguished, gray haired, mustachiced and jaunty with a silk handkerchief around his neck, he rather reminded me of someone that would look correct on the bridge of a yacht. He has lived in South America, but I was able to get no further background on this active and dedicated member. He spoke briefly about The Epidemic of Teen-Age Suicides, then showed us a 20 minute film called "DECISION TO DIE" which dates back to 1966, but has become even more relevant with age. Briefly, it illustrates in two case histories, how parental pressures can be so overwhelming to young persons that they might actually interpret the impatience of the people around them as an invitation to die. There are enough persons committing suicide every year to fill six football stadiums!

Even the most well-adjusted among us have had moments of suicidal fantasy at one time or another. To help these people, one of the first services established by the Mother Church was a Crisis Intervention Center Hotline. The person who attempts suicide is giving the most desperate plea for help possible. He has reached a

state where he has lost all sense of his own worth, all sense of communication with the people who surround him.

How does C.I.C. handle such a call?

The most important thing is to establish communication. Ask their age, how they feel, have they taken pills? Every question leads to something else. He's come to C.I.C. because he needs to be helped by a stranger. At this point, our people don't try to sell them MCC----they frankly may not be ready for any religion.

One thing that Charles Lucas said that made a firm impression on me was: "When a person gives up hope they begin to die. They must have worthwhile projects with which they can structure a life that has meaningful experiences."

If you feel you'd like to help this urgent service our church performs, please contact the Personnel Service of the Church, phone 748-7176.

With the meeting adjourned, we had a chance to mingle with our fellow church members whom we don't always get a chance to talk to during the large services. Deacon Vi Anderson was there, Board Member Howard Coburn, and Rev. Dick Hetz.

Altogether there were 32 present. Alan Perrine served a delicious punch with oranges and crushed ice. Former Social Director Alan Davis came up from San Diego to attend the meeting.

The next Northeast Parish meeting will be on May 25th at 7:30 p.m. (Location to be announced). Rev. Ron Hayes will show us slides taken during his seven years in Peru.

See you then!
Al Correa

DO INSURANCE COMPANIES DISCRIMINATE?

The Travelers Insurance Company, in an attempt to regain public support and to help improve the image of insurance companies, offered a toll-free telephone number of (800) 243-0191, to call and ask questions regarding insurance and insurance companies in general.

I called; my question was, "Why do Insurance Companies discriminate in the selling of insurance to homosexuals?" The question was carefully phrased as to insinuate that all insurance companies discriminate in the selling of all types of policies to homosexuals.

Well, that was all that poor man on the other end of the telephone had to hear. He gasped for air a few times; cleared his throat and asked me to please repeat the question. I did, and he made an attempt to answer in a very general manner. He said that insurance companies are regulated by the States in which they operate. Of course, he added, the State will not allow us to discriminate. I had to laugh at this point, but I allowed him to continue. Insurance companies claim that they sell their insurance policies based on moral character and past experience. However, I am sure that this insurance representative was not trying to imply that we were of lower moral character than the heterosexual, because he quickly corrected himself on the last statement. This gentleman, I could sense, was very uncomfortable in answering my question and stated several times that he is not to be quoted. He instead, referred me to the Personal Lines Manager of their Los Angeles Office at 3600 Wilshire Blvd., telephone number 381-0011.

I think that this would be a good opportunity for our community to ask questions regarding insurance

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selling practices and to let the insurance companies know how we feel about their discriminatory practices. After all, how does your sexual behavior affect your driving record for automobile insurance? Or how does your sexual behavior affect the fire insurance policy on your home?

Remember, it is us, the homosexuals that are being discriminated against. Not only by Insurance Companies, but by all levels of the Government, Employers, and social organizations. No one is going to do anything about it but ourselves. We have to be the ones to take the initiative to voice our disapprovals and to try to change discriminatory practices, no one will do it for us. We have to fight for the Brown Bill, and we will have to fight for changes in Insurance selling policies. So act now; don't wait for your neighbor or friend to carry the ball for you. Become an active fighter for homosexual rights.

LET'S NOT BE AFRAID ANYMORE.
Ronald T. Pannell



OH DEAR I FORGOT THAT EXTRA
CAN FOR THE BEAGONS CLOSET

May the last step you take on earth
Touch that electric eye
Which opens wide at your approach
The potals of the sky!

- RosaZagnoni Marinoni

WHAT IS LOVE

by June Doris

I walked along the garden path,
Each lovely flower to see,
How varied are the various news,
Delight! Live! Ecstasy!

Nestled there among the leaves,
A tiny bud I found,
I watched its petals day by day,
Unfold! Enlarge! Abound!

From nature's well I deeply drank,
Each drop from God above,
Just like this rose you are to me,
Nectar! Beauty! Love!

Dedicated to Lee Spangenberg
From Ted Sweet



CHRIST CHAPEL, COSTA MESA
Rev. Roger Harrison

Friday, June 4th at the University of California Irvine at 8:00PM. 3rd floor Commons Building. A Symposium on Homosexuality and the Law. It will be sponsored by the American Civil Liberty's Union of So. Calif. Orange County and the Social Ecology Department of the University and Christ Chapel, Orange County.

Thomisa Gunn, Chairman of A.C.L.U. will moderate this symposium. The speaker will be Dr. Martin Hoffman from San Francisco, author of "The Gay World", Professor Barry Dank, from California State Long Beach, Rev. Troy D. Perry, Pastor M.C.C., Attorney Robert H. Green, a leading Civil Liberties personage in Orange County, Dr. Richard Whalen, Psycho Biology from University of Calif. Irvine also hopeful in having Linda Tessier, who is a lesbian and active in Cal. State Fullerton gay life and liberties class.

This is an open invitation to everyone, so consider yourself invited to a very interesting evening.....

Happiness is a state of mind. A collector of stamps can be completely happy with a waste basket of old envelopes.

-Edwin Stuart

Personal Services Announces, "Metropolitan Community Do It For You" is coming."

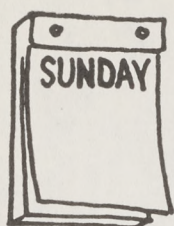
How many times have you needed something repaired and you didn't know who to call or where to go for help. You have a carpet that needs shampooing but the cost of the average commercial shampooer is just disgusting.

Well don't get uptight with your help. Chances are your problems can be solved, because M.C.D.I.F.Y. is coming.

A file is being prepared to list the occupations of "our" people who are available to work for you or supply your needs. For example, a plumber, or carpenter from our group will be able to give you an honest deal, many of our guys may even be able to get you some discount.

The first thing we must do is compile a file of your skills or products. Any of you who are interested and want to offer your services, please contact Ray Hicks in Personal Services, at 748-7176 and leave your name, and phone number; Ray will call you to get your information.

Remember, this is not a donation, but an effort to support our community. As the Chamber of Commerce is so fond of saying - KEEP YOUR DOLLARS AT HOME - SHOP LOCALLY.....



Our Church Calendar

MONDAY, MAY 17th	7 - 9	SAMARITAN BIBLE SEMINARY
	7:30	GROUP THERAPY CHURCH BLDG.
TUESDAY, MAY 18th	7:30	CENTRAL PARISH MEETING AT THE HOUSE OF DEACON JOHN LOGAN
	7:30	HOLLYWOOD PARISH WILL MEET AT TONY DU BOIS 13127 ARCHWOOD ST. NO. HOLLYWOOD - PHONE 980-5355
WEDNESDAY, MAY 19th	11:30 AM	TEMPO - CHANNEL 9 REV. TROY D. PERRY
	7:00	SAMARITAN BIBLE SEMINARY
	7:30	WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING
	8:00	COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE DEAF CLASS INSTRUCTOR - DALE DYAL CHOIR ROOM
	8:00	BIBLE STUDY & GENERAL MEETING LONG BEACH PARISH AT THE HOME OF STEVE SCALF'S PHONE 437-2191 FOR ADDRESS
THURSDAY, MAY 20th	7:00	MCC MOTOCYCLE CLUB OF CALIFORNIA WILL MEET IN THE PARLOR CALL 748-0123 EXT 8 ASK FOR PAUL OR FRED
	7:00	CHANCEL CHOIR REHERSAL
FRIDAY, MAY 21st	7:00	SAMARITAN BIBLE SEMINARY
	7:30	GOSPEL CHOIR REHERSAL - CHOIR LOFT
	7:30	YOUTH GROUP MEETING - PARLOR

CALENDER OF EVENTS (cont.)

SATURDAY, MAY 22nd 8:30

MAY FESTIVAL AT THE FACTORY
622 N LA PEER
WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

SUNDAY, MAY 23rd 9:00AM
9:30AM

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CHANCEL CHOIR REHERSAL
SUNDAY SCHOOL-SEMINARY CLASS ROOM
SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30AM

10:30AM

10:45AM

11:00AM

7:00PM

ARE YOU AN ACTIVE MEMBER?

Your Church has such great needs and so little cash. We need the help of the Membership to perform work that would otherwise have to be handled by outside contractors! Did you take your vows of Membership seriously when you joined this Church? If you did, and if you are not too proud to serve the House of the Lord, we need you!

We have only one person to clean the Church on Saturday so it will be an immaculate representation of the habits of our people to non-members or persons who are visiting us for the first time. Its not glamorous work - bathrooms need cleaning, floors need vacuuming (we might even ask you to bring your own vacuum). The date is Saturday-Every Saturday! Bird droppings have to be scrubbed off the exterior steps, sidewalks swept of cigarette butts, carpets vacuumed, sinks scoured, etc. If you think you can help us keep our Church home tidy, please call 748-0123 and ask for Howard Coburn.

Al Correa

LOVE IS THE ONLY STRENGTH THAT
MAKES THINGS ONE WITHOUT
DESTROYING THEM.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Do you have any questions on homosexuality? Do you know anyone who does? Or do you know someone to whom you would like to explain about homosexuality in a precise, calm and not too wordy way? The "Institute for the Study of Human Resources" has such a pamphlet, a pamphlet called "Homosexuality, Twenty-five Questions and Answers". This is easily and entirely one of the best information pamphlets I have ever seen or even heard about.

It does not have all the answers and doesn't pretend to have them all. The questions are well thought out and of the proper type. The answers are short, honest, very clear and to the point. It was written by a panel, a panel of what I would have to call experts. However, not the usual group of so-called experts that all see homosexuality as a sickness, or a sin. On this panel there are homosexuals, doctors (M.D. and Ph.D. types), professors of Sociology, in otherwards, people who should know and are not afraid to have their names appear on a pamphlet of this type.

This pamphlet may be purchased at "One, Inc., 2256 Venice Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. 90006 for 15¢ a copy. While you are there look over their other litature too.

Pat Rardin

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